

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention generally comprises methods for spacing a plurality of onscreen objects on the display of a computer or similar electronic device. One aspect is the Ripple operation, in which onscreen objects may be repositioned recursively in Blackspace or within a

- 5 VDACC to accommodate changes in the size or position of an object, or the introduction of an object into a group of objects. Another aspect is the Text Space operation which enables a user to drag and reposition text without regard to rigid rules regarding margins, line spacing, paragraph format, and the like. A further aspect Touch Transparency, a software routine that determines which overlying object is designated to receive a mouse
- 10 click and respond thereto.